

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
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the specification of which is identified by the attorney (IBM) Docket Number appearing above.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above- identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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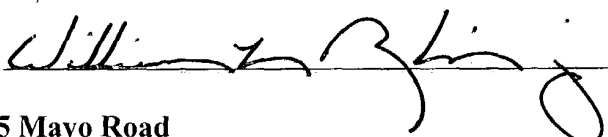
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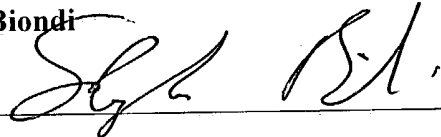
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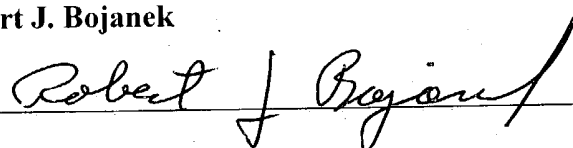
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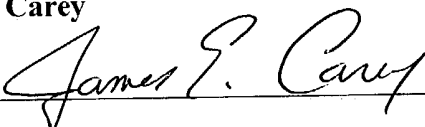
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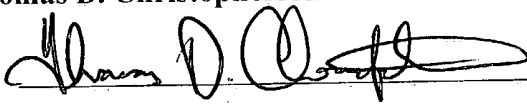
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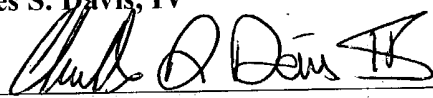
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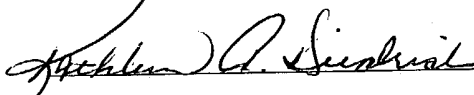
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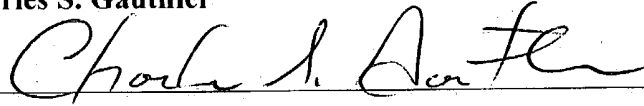
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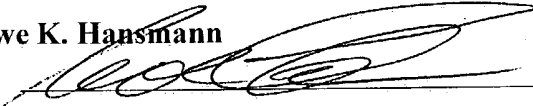
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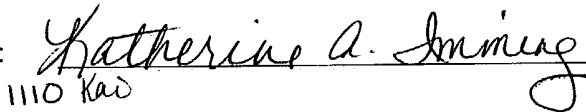
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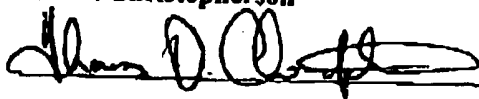
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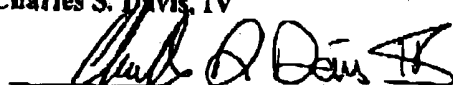
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